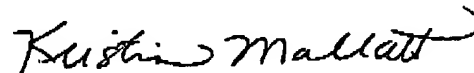


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### REMARKS

Applicants submit that the amendments are being made in order to remove matter which is presently claimed in Application Serial No. 10/306,062. The removal of this matter is done without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter thereof. No new matter has been added.

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**Version with markings to show changes made:**

**In the specification:**

Kindly amend the paragraph at page 19, lines 1-9 as follows:

The invention is also useful to protect against allergens that contact the respiratory or ocular mucosal surfaces. Suitable ophthalmic agents which can be included in the compositions of the present invention and administered via the method of the present invention include, but are not limited to [glaucoma agents, such as betaxolol, pilocarpine and carbonic anhydrase inhibitors; dopaminergic agonists;] post-surgical antihypertensive agents, such as para-amino clonidine (apraclonidine); anti-infectives, such as ciprofloxacin; antimicrobials, such as cephalosporins and quinolones; non-steroidal and steroidal anti-inflammatories, such as suprofen, ketorolac and tetrahydrocortisol; prostaglandins; proteins; growth factors, such as EGF; immunosuppressant agents, and anti-allergics.

**In the claims:**

Kindly amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A particle comprising calcium phosphate having a pharmacologically active agent at least partially coating the particle or impregnating

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the particle or both, wherein the particle has a diameter between about 300 nm and about 4000 nm and is adapted to be delivered to a mucosal surface, wherein the mucosal surface is not an ocular surface to be treated for ocular disease.